

sufficient quantity, I began to lay some across my cord. The creature, having taken notice of it, did the same to his, and with so much dexterity and agility, that his faggot was larger, and sooner made than mine; which by that time, being large enough, and as much as he could well carry, I bound up; which set him to do the same with his, which was abundantly too large a load for him.

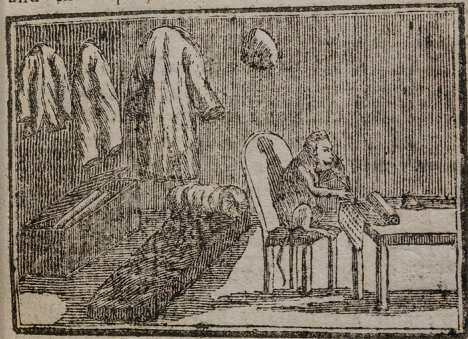
Our faggots being made, I took up that which I had made, to see how he would go about taking up his; which, being much too heavy for him, he could not lift, so running round it, I believe, twenty times, he looked me in the face, as craving help.

Having been sufficiently diverted with the out-of-the-way shifts he made I gave him mine, and took up his: the poor animal appeared overjoyed at the exchange; therefore, cheerfully takes up the bundle, and follows me home.

Pray, Sir, said I, what became of that wonderful creature? Alas! said he, it was killed by monkeys of the other kind, which fell upon him one day as he was going for water by himself: for the poor dear creature was grown so knowing, that if at any time either firing or water was wanted,

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had nothing to do but to give him the bundle of cord, or the empty vessel, and he would strait go, and fetch either: In short, he wanted nothing but speech to compleat him for human society. This, that I have now, goes about with me, and will carry a faggot, or a vessel of water, pick a fowl, turn the spit or string, when meat is roasting; yet he is nothing like my late dear *Beausidelle*: Besides, this is unlucky, in imitating me, he often does me mischief. It was but the other day that I had been writing for five or six hours; I had occasion to go out, and happened to leave my pen and ink upon the table, and the parch-



ment I had been writing on close by it, I